

La Moille Community Unit School District No. 303
Board of Education Meeting
La Moille Jr./Sr. High School Library
801 S. Main Street
La Moille, Illinois 61330

Board of Education Meeting

Date: September 21, 2023

Time: 7 p.m.

OPEN MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order** started at 7 p.m.
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President Chris Leffelman requested that the board meeting return to a more structured meeting format where the board directs questions to the Superintendent. Everyone else is called on to share or answer questions by the Superintendent.
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue up to \$600,000 of working cash fund bonds.**
 - A. Hearing stated at 7:02 p.m. and ended at 7:03 p.m. with no questions or comments
- VI. Recognitions**
 - A. Arts in Education Month
 - 1. Jason Kazin recognized for K-12 Music Program
 - 2. John Roemer recognized for K-12 Art Program
 - 3. Please see attached powerpoint in email for slideshow presentation
- VII. Public Comments and Questions** None
- VIII. Consent Agenda** All approved as written - no questions
 - A. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2023
 - B. Presentation and Approval of the Bills Payable for September 2023
 - C. Presentation and Approval of the Financial Report for August 2023
 - D. Presentation and Approval of Activity Funds Report for August and September 2023
- IX. Reports**
 - A. Superintendent's Update
 - 1. School report card will go live for the 2023-2024 school year soon - working to fix some data entry errors regarding the 6 year graduation rate average. Changes to the data entry will help our funding resources and could positively impact our summative designation.
 - 2. BMP is providing 2 social workers to support IEP case management and students with minutes through their IEPs. This allows Lacy to continue to serve our tier 1 and tier 2 students as hired.

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3. Shared MTSS updates and the need to have tiered interventions before any IEP is provided. Discussion about the process and change for the district given.
Connection to summative designation as the “why” factor to these needed changes.

B. Principal's Update

1. Kuddos and thanks for the support during Homecoming week - great turn out and support
2. Updates provided on MTSS changes and benefits for students
3. Updates on 3rd hour Explore at the Jr/Sr High School
4. Mrs. Breedlove's class has started a coffee shop Wednesday at Jr/Sr High School and Friday at Allen - great success and enjoyed by everyone.

X. Old Business

A. Discuss Cell Phone Policy

1. Discussion regarding cell phone policy in the student handbook
2. Request to allow cell phones during lunch
3. Shared information regarding the concern for videos, tiktoks, etc. being created and shared - liability factors discussed
4. Compromise determined that for one month (until October board meeting) allow all students 7-12 use of cell phones (if they want) during lunch. Administration to track data on discipline
5. Review of data in October and potential action to remove the paused clause and allow phones at lunch time.

B. Discussion regarding Sports Banners

1. Desire to re-hang the sports banners in the gym that were removed for repainting a few years ago - request to ensure that any that need mending are repaired before hanging.

XI. New Business All approved as written

A. Gift Certificates for former Board Members dinner

1. Approved \$100 gift certificates for Nick Pinter and Jeff Pinter, former board members since group dinner not achievable due to schedule conflicts

B. Renewal of E-Learning Plan

1. Renewed per the previous 3 year cycle, but now it is set indefinitely and does not need to be renewed per updated ROE and ISBE guidelines

C. FY 24 Budget

1. Approved as presented
2. Unbalanced budget, but no reduction plan required by the State and unbalanced amount is the most minimal seen in a few years. An amended budget will need to be presented mid-year to show balanced funds.

D. Board Meeting Date Changes

1. November changed to Wednesday, November 16, 2023
2. December changed to Wednesday, December 20, 2023
3. May changed to Wednesday, May 15, 2024

E. 2024 Graduation Dates

1. 8th grade: May 16, 2024
2. HS: May 17, 2024

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- F. Motion to approve a temporary pause on the second bullet point of the electronic device policy for one month to determine if use during lunch time could be allowable.

XII. Executive Session entered at 8:11 p.m. and started session at 8:17 p.m. after break

Review of Performance, Employment, and Compensation of Specific Employees of the Public Body - 5ILCS120/2(c)(1).

XIII. Action Items from Executive Session

A. Employment

1. Approved with regrets, Larry Forristall's retirement from the Board of Education.
2. Approved the hire of Faith Schaffer as the Junior High Cheerleading Coach.

B. Compensation

1. Approval of the Marquis Mentor Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

C. Performance

1. One Board of Education seat will be open for applicants to apply from September 25-October 9.
 - a) Letters of interest should be submitted to the Jr/Sr High School Office
Attention: Lisa Gifford
 - b) Interviews will be held Nov. 8 starting at 5 p.m.
 - c) New board member will be appointed to their position for two years on
November 15 at the Board of Education meeting.

D. Discipline

Exited Executive Session at 9:38 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment ended at 9:46 p.m.